

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Nørregaard-Madsen et al.

Application No.: To be assigned

Group Art Unit: To be assigned

Filed: August 31, 2000

Examiner: To be assigned

For: Novel Proteases and Variants Thereof

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application no. 09/551,826 filed on April 17, 2000, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of U.S. application no. 60/156,743 filed on September 30, 1999, Danish application no. PA 1999 01500 filed on October 20, 1999, and Danish application no. PA 1999 01212 filed on August 31, 1999, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-19, 21-31 and 35-39 without prejudice or disclaimer.